



Dear Friends,

Over the last 14 years, I have had the privilege of serving your needs in Hartford at our State House. In that time many of you have told me about your concerns about the environment through my annual survey, correspondence, and telephone calls. I've continually been a leading advocate for environmental protection, and over the years we have been extremely successful.

Last year we were able to purchase a majority of the Kelda lands, including those in Danbury, due to state funding. This property will continue to be a pristine refuge in Connecticut for all the citizens of the state to enjoy. This year I made sure that several other important environmental issues were also addressed.

Our environment is the one resource that none of us can take for granted. Our families need clean air to breathe, safe water to drink and swim in, and unspoiled parks and forests for recreation. This increases the quality of life for our neighbors and encourages others to live in Connecticut.

This pamphlet addresses three very important bills passed this year thanks to years of work and assistance by people like you. We've finally been able to pass the "Sooty Six" bill, we forced through a moratorium on pipeline crossings through Long Island Sound, and we are investigating and correcting the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority scandal that is an offshoot of the ENRON debacle. This mailer will shed some light on this crucial legislation dedicated to cleaning up Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Bob Godfrey
State Representative

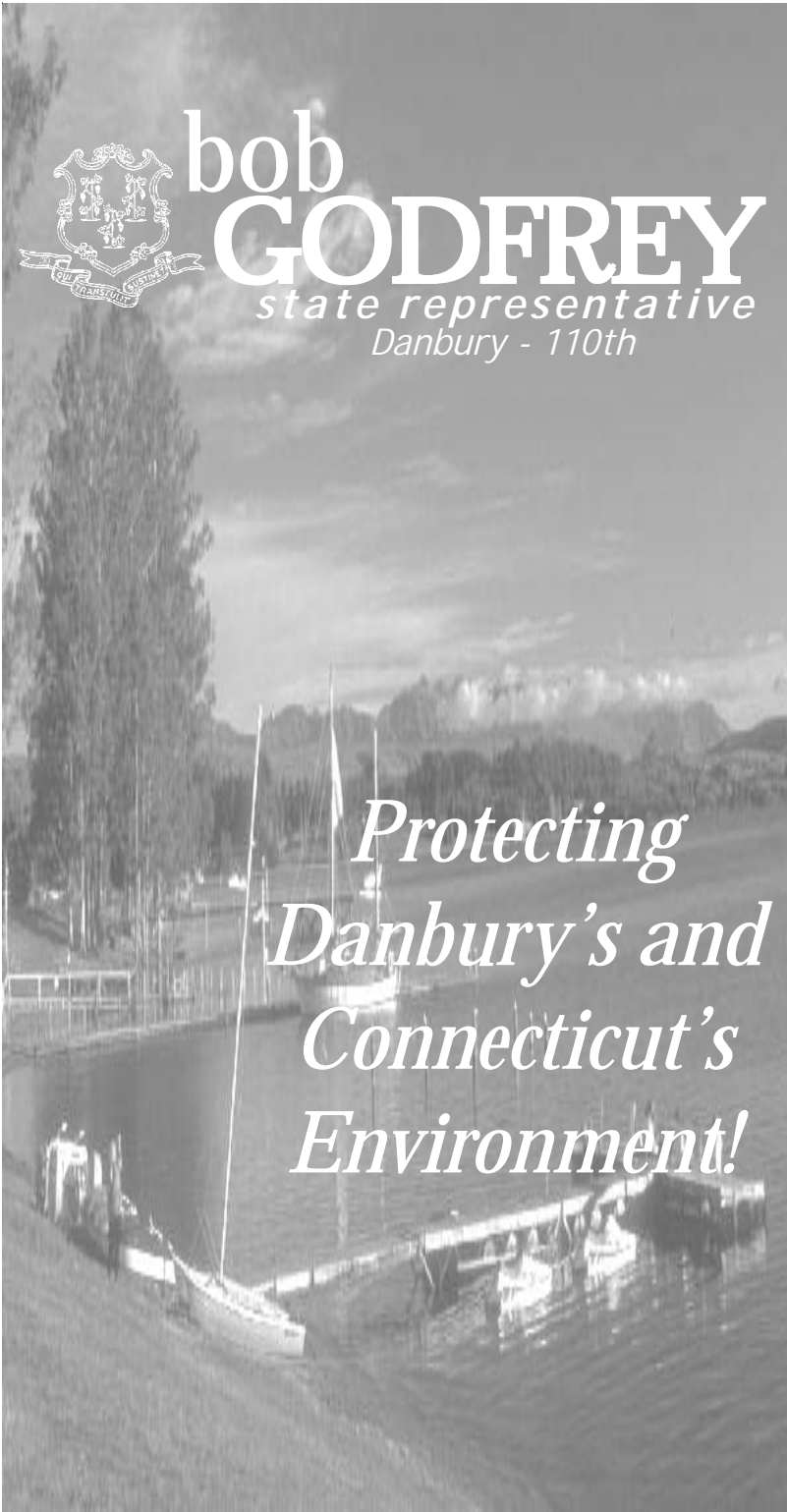
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB GODFREY

Sooty Six-Enough is Enough!

We must keep the air clean, both for ourselves and for our children, families and friends. It quite literally improves the quality of life by making breathing easier. For six years I have worked to clean up the state's six dirtiest fossil fuel power plants – the so-called "Sooty Six." I'm happy to say that we've finally succeeded!

We've imposed a limit on the amount of sulfur dioxide that can be released by these plants. We've also forbidden the trading of emission credits that permitted higher pollution levels in the towns nearest the plants. We also carefully balanced our needs for electricity – this act will NOT result in brownouts or layoffs.

Remember, last year we passed a similar bill, which Governor Rowland promised to sign, but then vetoed. Along with my legislative colleagues, we continued the fight, and succeeded this year.



Sound Policy



Long Island Sound is one of our most precious natural resources. I've worked very hard to clean it up and keep it healthy.

But power and gas companies want to run pipelines under the Sound to service Long Island. The proposals would have both

hurt the environment generally, and endangered shellfish beds and fish. We overwhelmingly passed legislation to prohibit the construction of these pipelines.

But Governor Rowland vetoed the bill. He issued an executive order that favored the power companies, but he does not have that power. And sadly, many legislators who voted for the bill flip-flopped to uphold the Governor's veto.

So instead we've established a one-year moratorium on new pipelines across the Sound, and added a moratorium on the controversial high voltage line from Bethel to Norwalk. We're having the Institute for Sustainable Energy study the energy and environmental needs of Connecticut. Then the Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council will have a blueprint for the future.

I'm unhappy that the Governor's veto will permit a New Haven cable project to go forward. I'm afraid of the consequences of its construction. But I've done what I can to protect the Sound in the future.

Taking Out The Trash

The ENRON collapse not only shook high finance, but also uncovered a scandal of proportions rarely seen in Connecticut. The Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRA) collects trash from 70 towns, and burns it to generate electricity. It isn't a state agency, but its directors are all political appointees, and were headed by the Governor's Chief of Staff, making it a 'quasi-public agency.'

CRRA gave ENRON \$220 million taxpayers' dollars in what Attorney General Richard Blumenthal calls an illegal unsecured loan. The bankrupt ENRON, of course, cannot repay the loan. To recover the money, CRRA wanted to hit taxpayers through increased fees to the towns. We've learned that CRRA spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on lobbyists and executive bonuses, including luxury cars. The lobbyist, coincidentally, was paid to attend meetings of the Republican Governors Association, provided meals to employees of the Governor's office, and headed a fund raising committee for the Governor.

Governor Rowland fired his chiefs of staff, and the CRRA executive director has resigned. But we need more action. I've taken two steps. One, we began to reform the CRRA, and stop it from paying lobbyists. The Attorney General will supervise the remaining legal issues regarding CRRA. Two, I've joined dozens of my colleagues in requesting a criminal investigation of these unethical acts. I want an unbiased and professional look at this scandal.



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